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In re Application of:

Kenjiro UEDA, et al.

Serial No. Not Yet Assigned

Filed: March 8, 2002

For: **ENCRYPTION METHOD, DECRYPTION METHOD, AND RECORDING AND  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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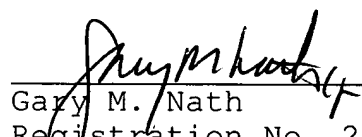
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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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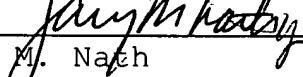
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